

In Recognition of Teah Laupapa

WHEREAS, the Toyota Dream Car Art Contest draws from and fosters the creativity of children from around the world to express their visions of the future of mobility in the form of a hand-drawn colored poster; and

WHEREAS, Teah Laupapa, a talented student from Kapolei, now 13 years old, earned the People's Choice Award and placed second in the Ages 12 to 15 category of the Toyota Hawai'i Dream Car Art Contest, and was chosen as one of just three young artists to represent the United States in August, 2014's 8th Toyota Dream Car Art Contest in Japan, with contestants chosen from a field of more than 660,000 entries worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Teah Laupapa was awarded a trip with her family to the Toyota Dream Car Art Contest in Japan, allowing her to experience Japanese culture, tour the city of Nagoya and interact with other young artists at the contest, where her piece, titled "Introducing the Pocket Car" was chosen as "Best Finalist" in the Ages 12 to 15 category; and

WHEREAS, Teah Laupapa's "Introducing the Pocket Car" piece was created while a student in her teacher Daryle Mishina's art class, depicting a car designed to shrink to fit into a pocket, highlighting its lack of requirement of a parking space or large amounts of gasoline; and

WHEREAS, Teah Laupapa's thoughtful and supportive parents, as well as her extended family, have been great inspirations to Teah by promoting a strong social awareness in her and her work, as well as a desire to make the world around her a better place;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and **I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 27, 2014, as

"TEAH LAUPAPA DAY"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the heartfelt consideration and imagination she displayed in her work, while representing Hawai'i well in international competition as a budding young artist and thinker promoting a sustainable future for the state and her Kapolei community in her art.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-fifth day of September, 2014.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i